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EVERGLADES ENTERPRISES "A FRIENDLY FIRM"

EXOTIC PLANTS

Miami Springs, Fla. Box 509

GUIDED EXCURSIONS
TO BEAUTIFUL
ORCHID LANDS

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TROPICAL ODDITIES

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This list is for those who like tropical plants and want nice specimens of rare plants, for the house in winter and outdoors in summer. This enterprise is operated by people long familiar with tropical plants from around the world.

It is difficult to publish a permanent list of rare orchids and other rare plants because new things are always being discovered. These plants come from remote places and often high water, snakes, alligators and other hazards interfere with prompt delivery but when slow in filling an order we put in an extra, beside the surprise in every package.

The price indicates rarity of the subject or the difficulty of obtaining it. All prices indicate bare root unless otherwise stated. Orchids and Bromeliads de much better if taken on wood.

We quote special prices to schools, museums and dealers. No order for less than \$2.00 will be accepted because of increased postal rates. Old customers and repeat orders excepted. All orders postpaid east of the Mississippi River unless otherwise stated. Add 10% west of Mississippi. Packing guaranteed. All plants are blooming size and taken by permit. None are taken from the Everglades Park area. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK OF YOUR PLANTS IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, ESPECIALLY IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT.

Orchids and many other plants from the "Big Cypress" region of the "Deep" Everglades usually have a gray or whitish growth on them which is merely tropical lichens and absolutely harmless.

Please read this bulletin carefully - many people don't and it causes extra correspondence. C. O. D. costs you more.

The culture of these plants is simple and of necessity our instructions are simple and to the point. In shipping plants everywhere we cannot state anything but a general and accepted practice. Though orchids and Bromeliads are tough plants and take much punishment they react differently in different places. You must find the proper location on your premises, then hands off.

The old theory that it is difficult to grow orchids is exploded and there is no reason why you should do without them! There are so many types that one may enjoy them all year round - indoors and outside - at very little cost. At first you can try your hand on the inexpensive wild varieties, which we can supply in abundance. Among our customers are beginners, amateurs, professionals, advanced collectors and the most exacting connoisseurs. For the latter we advise getting on our "special" list as there are new varieties discovered and imported quite often.

ORCHIDS TERRESTRIAL

Terrestrial orchids grow in soil especially leaf mold and compost. The vanillas should be rosted or grown loosely packed. Use any or all of the following - best to mix two or three items, your choice - spaghnum, excelsior, dead leaves, leaf mold, compost, osmunda screenings, etc. Many terrestrial orchids grow as far north as Canada and Greenland but usually in damp places and hard to transplant. Other terrestrials should be grown in compost and started in shade but as bloom spike appears gradually move to sun or very strong light.

VANILL PLANIFOLIA (fragrans). Vanilla extract comes from this orchid. Flowers 3 to 4 in. greenish yellow, fragrant. Plant vine like, large thick leaves. \$1.00 per cutting of at least 2 eyes.

VANILLA PRAENTHA. A beautiful, heavy vine type orchid. Very rare - don't send money -

get on waiting list.

VANILLA ARTICULATA (barbellata) - leafless vine orchid, flowers white, purple and yellow, fragrant - cuttings - at least 3 eyes \$1.00.

VANILLA GRANDIFLORA, best of all - large whitish green flowers - cuttings \$1.50

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BLETIA TUBEROSA - Lovely, palm leaf orchid with multiplying bulbs and loose panicles of many lavender blossoms on tall stems. After bloom rest bulbs. Bulbs .25¢ each

or 5 for \$1.00.

EULOPHIA ALTA (platypus altus). Though Bletia is beautiful this one is best. Many reddish purple flowers in racemes on tall erect stems. Bulbs .30¢ each - 5 for \$1.25

ORCHIDS EPIPHYTIC

Epiphytic plants grow naturally on trees, logs and rocks with aerial or exposed rocts. If bought growing on wood or tussock they are much easier to handle. If bare root pot in rotten wood, fern root or other loose material with charcoal and broken pottery in the bottom of the pot. Quick drainage is necessary and don't over water. Some of these plants like more light than others but the light or sun in your locality is the determining factor.

These inexpensive native plants grow just like the fancy, large flowered type and so they are best for beginners. After learning there is little gamble in buying the more expensive type. Our plants are also interesting to collectors and dealers. People are really going for orchids. Many orchids do not look good when out of season or dormant, but that is the best time for shipping. Don't throw away a dead looking plant if the roots are alive.

CYRTOPODIUM PUNCTATUM (A curved foot that punctures). Bull's horn or cigar orchid. A mammoth of the orchid family, most robust and easy to grow orchid native to the

Medium.....\$3.00 Large.....\$10.00 Express collect - On wood add \$5.00

Extra large.......\$20.00 " " " " " " " " " EPIDENDRUM TAMPENSE (Butterfly orchid) - we can't say enough for this rugged "spunky" ready blooming plant. The best for beginners and it wins the admiration of all orchidists. Takes punishment, may bloom anytime, will stand cold and some freezing. Small fragrant, yellowish green flowers with white and purple lips. Many blossoms in loose sprays which are good as cut flowers or corsages. Do not remove dead bulbs until plant is established.

5 to 8 strong bulbs.....\$1.00 On wood, \$1.50 8 to 12 strong bulbs...\$1.50 " "\$2.00
Extra large plant....\$5.00 " "\$7.00
EPIDENDRUM COCHLEATUM, called "Black" orchid (var. triandrum) - Found only in South
Florida. Lovely and easy to grow with attractive bulbs and foliage. May bloom any

time with small blackish purple, shell like flowers in short sprays. Especially nice on tussock or wood. On tussock or wood\$2.00 Small 4 to 6 bulbs....\$1.50 Medium 8 to 12 bulbs....\$2.00 Large 12 or more bulbs...\$3.00

EPIDENDRUM DIFFORME - Gentlemen's orchid - fine for boutonniere. Very attractive, running orchid with righ green succulent leaves and many lovely greenish white flowers in clusters at the stem ends. May bloom anytime.

At least 3 nice stems....\$1.00 On tussock or wood......\$1.25 " " " "\$1,75 " " "\$2,25 Medium.....\$1.50

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EPIDENDRUM RIGIDUM - For beginners and collectors. Much like difforme with many stems and roots standing away from the wood. Not found in many places but very luxurient where found. Small yellow flowers in clusters. Price same as difforme. EPIDENDRUM NOCTURNUM - One of our best with long stems and many roots. Very attractive when in leaf and bloom. Largest flowers of any native. Sepals and petals yellow, lip white with yellow spot. Very odd shaped and fragrant at night. Likes shade but strong light and humid atmosphere. As with E. anceps and different from most orchids they will often bloom more than once on the old stems so do not remove until completely dead.

3 to 5 stems.....\$1.50 5 to 8 stems.....\$2.00 Large.....\$4.00

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DO. Street Constitution of Documents of the Street Constitution of the Stre Od. Possessessessesses and a rd c PO.S. ... Possessessesses and a rd c DO.Ad. ... Possessessessesses EPIDENDRUM ANCEPS - Next to Cyrtopodium our showiest orchid plant with many small yellow blossoms in heads. Much better on wood. Shade and humid condition necessary. Another good boutonniere orchid and often other interesting things growing with it on wood. Price same as E. nocturnum.

EPIDENDRUM BOOTHIANUM - small odd, hard to get. Graceful narrow leaves and compact bulbs. They look like a stack of green nickels that fell over. Mixed color of sepals and petals green and yellow. March to February. Can ship after December.

4 to 6 bulbs......\$1.50 8 to 10 bulbs......\$2.00

POLYSTACHYA LUTEOLA (minuta) - Small attractive rare plant, graceful leaves and many small flowers in terminal panicles, white turning yellow. March to November.

Small......\$1.00 Medium.....\$1.50 Large.....\$2.00

On wood or bark add .25¢

POLYRRHIZA LINDENII - A real oddity. No leaves or stems, only roots and large pure white blooms with long tails. Every collector should have one. An excellent house

plant if kept in humid condition. Spring summer and fall.

On Wood.....\$2.00 PLEUROTHALLIS GELIDA - A beautiful plant with odd fragrant blossoms in winter. the deepest swamps. Collector's item and attractive house plant. Each leaf a separate orchid but sent in clusters of 3 or more mature leaves. Much in demand and hard to get. \$2.50 per cluster. Don't send money - get on waiting list.

Remember all these eniphytic orchids except Polyrrhiza can be divided so a medium or large plant gives smaller ones if you care to divide.

BROMELIADS

Among the most attractive of house plants especially if taken on wood. May bloom at any time and easier to grow than orchids. If the old plant dies leave as is for awhile. They sucker at the base. Very attractive plants for porch and outdoors in summer. For something different go in for these plants along with orchids. All Bromeliads are easy to grow fr om suckers or seeds. The small plants on twigs are dandy for dish gardens and terrariums.

Bromeliads belong to the pineapple family and most are epiphytes growing like and along with orchids. Our Tillandsias with lovely bloom are a branch of the Bromeliad. If bare root pot in loose material such as dead leaves or rotten wood mixed with sand. Water sparingly but keep in humid atmosphere with water always in leaf cups. TILLANDSIA FASICULATA - Most popular - large gray-green, stiff foliage with beautiful red flowers bracts and blue flowers along the side.

Specimen plants......\$1.50 \$2.00

Baby plants for dish gardens \$1.00 per dozen.

TILLANDSIA UTRICULATA - Grow to be giants with long, soft, curly leaves and very

long bloom spikes.

Small......\$1.50 Medium (A large plant)...\$2.00 Large.....\$5.00 TILLANDSIA TENUIFOLIA - Very attractive, easy to handle. Leaves grasslike. Good in baskets and dish gardens - $.50\phi$ each - on wood $.75\phi$. TILLANDSIA CIRCINATA (Silver Queen) - small attractive plants - excellent for dish gardens and other make ups. On twigs or small branches $.35\phi$.
TILLANDSIA BALBASIANA - Prettiest of all with its long, graceful curly leaves and

lovely blooms - .75¢ each - On wood or twig \$1.00.

TILLANDSIA ALOIFOLIA - A corkscrew shape, striped curly leaves. A toss up between this and Balbasiana as to which is prettiest - $.75\phi$ each - On wood or twig \$1.00 TILLANDSIA VALENZUELANA - Soft and sometime pink foliage with branching bloom. .75d each - On wood \$1.00.

BILLBHRGIA MUTANS. One of the largest flowering bromeliads. Huge red bracts with green and blue petals - \$1.50 - clusters growing in bonnet sponges \$5.00

OTHER INTERESTING PLANTS AND THINGS

One of the most beautiful and exotic sights to a plant laver is the entrance into a "cypress dome" or swamp of the deep Everglades. At first sparse, the growth gradually becomes more dense, then suddenly one steps into a low area (which in wet times would require a boat or deep wading). The limbs of the trees are covered with plant life, the abundance of each item depending upon the particular swamp. There will be orchids in variety, some rare and hard to spot, air plants or bromeliads, moss and lichens. If you have been very quiet you will see much bird and animal life. Yes, alligators. If noisy all fade from sight and leave you alone in a beautiful but silent cathedral.

The most attractive item one can have in greenhouse or solarium is a limb from one of these trees cut with all its plant life thriving. You may have specimens 2 to

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3 inches in diameter at \$2.50 per foot up to 3 feet. Special instructions with order. Express F.O.B. Hialeah, Fla. unless included in \$10.00 order. This is one of our best sellers.

POLYPODIUM INCANUM - The true ressurection fern - not the desert fern. Curls up when dry - sprinkle and it comes to life. Ideal house plant especially with flower arrangements. Large tussocks often with other plants \$1.50.

Whole COCONUTS sprouted. Most unusual and attractive, easy to grow house palm. Can be grown in a bowl of water or large pot with any soil \$2.50.

FICUS AUREA - golden fig, strangler fig, banyan tree. Makes very fine fast growing house plants with shiny leaves. Small trees 2 to 3 feet cut back for shipping \$1.50.

BANANA SPROUTS. One of the best and easiest house plants and will grow to big plant outdoors in summer. Very fast in good soil with much water. Sprouts cut back for shipping 12 to 18 in. \$1.50 - 18 to 36 in. \$2.00.

IRIS SAVANNARUM. Beautiful large blue flowers. Grows and blooms in or out of water. 3 large rhizomes \$1.00.

The giant cypress trees grow in and about swamps. Since their roots are usually covered with water they send up "breathers" or "knees". There are no two knees alike and they take every shape imaginable. The solid type can be made into pots, vases, bird houses or wire your orchids to them. 8 to 10 in. $.75\phi$ - 10 to 15 in. \$1.25 - 15 or more in. \$2.00. West of Mississippi add 15% for postage.

Cypress knees boiled peeled and cured. Very lovely and much in demand as ornamentals, flower arrangements and growing orchids. Regular solid \$2.00 - Odd \$2.50.

DRIFTWOOD - From the Florida keys the famous button wood of many craxy shapes used for ornaments, lamps, coffe tables, wall sprays, novelties of all sorts. All very odd. Small pieces .50%. Larger pieces \$1.00. Large \$3.50 to \$5.00. Express collect.

From the big swamps we offer cypress driftwood water cured for orchids, ornaments or growing many viny plants. Stump type hollow for planters or solid for orchids and using in pots - small .50¢ - larger \$1.00 - Extra special shape and size \$2.00. Pole type for planters and in pots for vines .50¢ per foot up to 3 feet. Try any of the above and you will want more.

Sable palm hollow trunk section for pots or hanging baskets. To 8 x 8 in. \$1.00. Larger sections \$1.50.

Dish rag gourd, dried with seeds inside. Fine for dish washing or bath. The rough side of bath mittens is dish rag gourds. Save and grow the seeds to large yellow flowered vine. Grow a crop of gourds in two months. 3 for \$1.00.

BONNET SPONGES. Remember Robinson Crusoe and his hat? It was a large bonnet sponge. Dandy planters for orchids, Bromeliads and many other plants. Try running a large one through a washing machine, line it and make yourself a tricky hat - men or women. Cured but not fully cleaned because plants like the salt, bromine and Chlorine in the sponges. Uncleaned sponges are loaded with many tiny shells and coral. For interest and use don't miss this. Small 6 to 10 in. \$1.00 - Medium to 15 in. \$1.50. Large \$2.50 with a surprise.

Large Pink Conch shell planters. A new cleaning method brings these shells out in full color. Ideal for planters, vases or ornament. Best we have ever offered - \$1.25 each.

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ORCHIDS - IMPORTED

Just in from Latin America. The following are unestablished but wired to osmunda tussocks, buttonwood or cypress - your choice.

BRASSOVOLAE GLAUCA - a smally type fine for Wardian cases. Flowers white to 3 inches, fragrant - \$2.50 and \$3.50. CATTLEYA SKINNERII. Fine plants. Flowers rose-purple 3 in. and 3 or more to the stem. \$3.50 - \$5.00 - \$7.00. CATTLEYA BOTRINGIANA. Flowers rose purple 3 in. and many to the stem. \$3.50 -\$5.00 and \$7.50. CATTLEYA AURANTIACA - Flowers orange-purple 3 in. - 3 or more to the stem. \$2.50 -\$3.50 - \$5.00 CATESETUM SCURRA. Pale yellow blooms in ropes like a little girl's pigtails. Not a leafy plant. \$2.50 and \$3.50. EPIDENDRUM ARTROPUPUREA. Flowers large green and brown in long sprays. Best of the Epidendrums. \$3.50 and \$5.00. EPIDENDRUM FRAGRANS - Flowers white, fragrant and several on short stems. \$2.50 and \$3.50.

EPIDENDRUM STAMFORDIANUM - Flowers yellow, fragrant. Many flowers on short spray. \$2.50 and \$3.50.

LAELIA SUPERBIENS - Large plants. Flowers to 5 in. - fragrant, rose-purple with yellow. One of the best \$5.00 and \$7.50.
LYCASTE SKINERII. Whitish rose 4 to 6 in. Bulbs only \$2.50 and \$3.50.

Oncidiums are among the best house orchids.

ONCIDIUM CAVENDISHIANUM - Flowers yellow 2 in. in sprays. \$2.50 and \$4.00. ONCIDIUM CARTHAGINENSE - Flowers creamy white and many in long sprays. \$3.50 and \$5.00.

ONCIDIUM ORNITHORYNCHUM - Many multicolored in small sprays, fragrant - very lovely -2.50 and 3.50.

ONCIDIUM SPLENDIDUM. Very fine heavy plants. Yellow - 3 in. blooms in sprays. 3.50 and \$5.00.

ONCIDIUM WENTWORTHIANUM - Flowers yellow and many on long sprays. \$3.50 and \$5.00. STANHOPEA WARDII. A basket orchid - do not put but ok wired to wood or tussock. Bloom stems come from beneath the bulbs. Blossoms golden to 6 in. Flowers 3 to 7 to a stem. Very lovely - \$3.50 and \$5.00.

NOTICE

On order can supply the following but allow two to three weeks for importation.

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